



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4612

Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park Designation Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on June 21, 2006

H.R. 4612 would rename the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park in Ohio as the Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park. The bill would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to provide grants, subject to the availability of appropriations, to the nonfederal partners that help operate the park. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4612 would have no significant effect on the federal budget and no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4612 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Under H.R. 4612, the NPS would be able to provide financial assistance to its nonfederal partners through grants rather than cooperative agreements. The expanded authority would facilitate carrying out small construction projects (generally less than \$500,000 each over several years) on nonfederal lands at the park. Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4612 would have no net effect on federal discretionary spending. Projects of the type that would be authorized under the proposed grant authority would be very similar to those carried out under recent appropriations provisions. We expect that implementing the legislation would not affect the number of such projects at the park but would cause some future projects to be completed more rapidly. Finally, CBO expects that the costs associated with renaming the park would be less than \$100,000.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.